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(2) RELATED APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

There is a related appeal which may directly affect or may be directly affected by or have a bearing on the Board's decision in the pending appeal. The related appeal is in U.S. patent application no. 09/436,360. Although the applications neither share a common claim of priority nor claim a benefit of priority of the other, the applications do involve similar subject matter and the resolution of related issues on appeal.

This related appeal in 09/436,360 was effected today by the filing of a Brief on Appeal. Applicants respectfully submit that the related appeal has been brought to the Board's attention in a timely and diligent manner.

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